

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 268

By Bunch

A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Gloria Scott-Richmond  
for being a nominee for the 2002 Tennessee  
Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those educators who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves in their profession and who have become community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, One such noteworthy person is Ms. Gloria Scott-Richmond, who is a music teacher at Blythe-Bower Elementary School; she has 12 years of teaching experience and is pursuing a Master's Degree in Music Education from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, The Tennessee Department of Education annually sponsors the Tennessee Teacher of the Year Program to promote recognition, respect, and appreciation of teachers, to stimulate interest in teaching as a career, and to encourage public involvement in education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rodney Fitzgerald, Director of Public Relations for the Cleveland City School System, recently announced that Ms. Scott-Richmond was one of three nominees for the 2002 Tennessee Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Scott-Richmond lends her remarkable talents to such notable causes as the MS Walk, the American Cancer Society Benefit Concert, and the Miss Cleveland and Miss Hamilton County Scholarship pageants; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her regular music instruction, Ms. Scott-Richmond has served as a guest lecturer in Creative Arts Classes at Lee College, and has produced and directed two original projects - a pantomime highlighting the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and "The Farewell Project," a compact disc featuring all Blythe Avenue Elementary students; she has presented music workshops for the local school system as well as for the State Department of Education and has been a facilitator/teacher in the "Arts R Us Camp"; and

WHEREAS, While in college, Gloria Scott-Richmond was named Most Outstanding Director for the Evangelistic Singers at Lee College and, in 1997 and 1998, was a Building Level Teacher of the Year nomination; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Scott-Richmond epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Gloria Scott-Richmond for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens, especially to children; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Ms. Gloria Scott-Richmond for being nominated for the 2002 Tennessee Teacher of the Year, for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.